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RE: WILDFIRE SMOKE PERMANENT RULE COMMENTS

To Whom It May Concern:

The Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) represents businesses across Washington committed to building attainable and affordable housing for Washington residents.

The Department of Labor & Industries has requested stakeholder comments related to the Wildfire Smoke Permanent Rules that are being proposed by the Department.

To date, the Department has not provided stakeholders any draft proposed rules. It is impossible for BIAW or any other stakeholder group to provide substantive comments/feedback when no language is available. While the Department did provide a Powerpoint presentation to stakeholders with information related to Wildfire Smoke risks and potential safeguards, such general information is not sufficient for stakeholders to provide the detailed comments that the Department is likely seeking when developing rules as significant as the Wildfire Smoke Permanent Rules.

Once the Department develops and shares a draft of the permanent rules, BIAW would be happy to provide feedback on the draft. We would ask that, once such draft is available, stakeholders are provided sufficient time to analyze and provide thoughtful feedback regarding the draft rules.

If you would like some "general" feedback on Wildfire Smoke rules, please refer to BIAW's previous comments on the Wildfire Smoke Emergency Rules, which were provided to the Department on May 13, 2022.

Sincerely,

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